Bookplate Collection

Creator and donor: Rev. William A. Beardsley.

Given to Trinity College c. 1943. Includes 7 boxes of plates, arranged in folders; 1 box of dealers’ catalogues; 1 box of correspondence relating to the collection. Ca. 1055 items total.

Many plates are accompanied by biographical and other information. The plates are not adhered to their backing.

Scope and strengths:

Other holdings include:
Approx. 130 plates designed and engraved (c. 1890-1930) by William Fowler Hopson of New Haven, including one for the collector William A. Beardsley with preliminary layouts and a letter from the artist explaining his process (see attached photocopy).

24+ plates (1896-1940) by Arthur Nelson MacDonald

Approx. 40 plates engraved by J. Winfred Spenceley, signed.

Over 100 20th c. American plates, some with artists identified
British—18th c.--23 plates
German—mostly 18th c.--53 plates
French--mostly 18th c.—19 plates